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INTRODUCTION OF NEW NCERT TEXT BOOKS
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Council for Educational Research andTraining (NCERT) has recently published andintroduced new text books for various subjects for different classes;

(b) whether the attention of the Government has been drawn to the news-item captioned `Errors galore in NCERTtext books` appearing in The Hindu, dated 5.10.02;

(c) if so, the facts thereof;

(d) the steps taken by the Government to set right the errors and discrepancies;

(e) whether inspite of factual errors the Government have introduced text books from the current year itself;

(f) if so, the details in this regard and the reasons therefor;

(g) whether the Government propose to reconsider their decision in view of comments received and opposition to some of the changes in the books from different quarters including that from Conference of Historians held under the aegis of SAHMAT in October 2002; and

(h) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT, MINISTER OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OCEAN DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI)

(a) Yes Sir. NCERT has recently published and released new text books in all subjects for Classes I, III, VI, IX and XI.

(b) to (h) Government and NCERT are aware of thesaid news item and their attentions have also been drawn to the conference held under the aegis of SAHMATand its views through newspapers reports. Errors found in the said textbooks broadly related to printing, language and of factual nature. NCERT has carried out suitable corrections anddetails thereof are given in the annexure. Central Government does not prescribe textbooks. It is upto the respective State Governments/Boards of School Educationto take suitable decisions in respect of the books to be used in their respective schools.